CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

CITY OF CHICAGO

March 15, 2012

Coalition Against the NATO/G8 War & Poverty Agenda
c/o Andy Thayer
4745 N. Beacon, #3S
Chicago, IL 60640

Dear Mr. Thayer,

Pursuant to Section 10-8-330(g) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, your application dated March 6, 2012, for a parade on May 20, 2012, is denied for the following reasons:

Under Section 10-8-330(g)(1) of the Municipal Code, the Commissioner finds that the proposed parade will substantially and unnecessarily interfere with traffic in the area contiguous to the activity and there are not available at the time of the proposed parade sufficient city resources to mitigate the disruption. Additionally, under Section 10-8-330(g)(2) of the Municipal Code, the Commissioner finds that there are not available at the time of the parade a sufficient number of on-duty police officers, or other city employees authorized to regulate traffic, to police and protect lawful participants in the parade and non-participants from traffic-related hazards in light of the other demands for police protection at the time of the proposed parade.

The Commissioner's decision is based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to the following: On May 20-21, 2012, Chicago is hosting the NATO summit, a large National Special Security Event that will involve the attendance of more than 50 heads of state, in addition to high-level protectees and other political leaders. Motorcades for the NATO attendees will create significant traffic impediments, which would be exacerbated by the 2.64 mile proposed parade route. Moreover, the proposed parade route winds through the city center on the first day of the National Special Security Event, and would create significant traffic concerns and a drain on existing police resources. Movement of up to 5000 NATO delegates and staff from various locations, including the city center, to McCormick Place, the site of the event, and the associated entry to the event site on this date will require heightened security, traffic re-routing, and security checkpoints and will demand large numbers of police and other city resources. In addition to covering the entire downtown area, including the hotel zone, business district, and routing of traffic near and to McCormick Place, police and other city resources will also be required to provide protection and services to the rest of the city. Thus, sufficient city resources are not available to mitigate the traffic disruption that would be caused by the proposed parade, or to police and protect parade participants and non-participants in light of these other demands.

30 NORTH LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1100, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

Although your application for a parade is denied as to the precise terms of your March 6, 2012, application, pursuant to Section 10-8-330(k) of the Municipal Code, your group is authorized to conduct a parade under the following conditions:

Date: May 20, 2012
Assembly Time: 9:00 a.m.
Step-off time: 1:30 p.m.
Disband time: 3:45 p.m.
Assembly Area: Petrillo Band Shell/Butler Field located at 300 West Jackson (Chicago Park District property).
Disbanding area: 2201 to 2300 South Indiana
Route: Proceed south on Columbus to Congress; west on Congress to Michigan; south on Michigan to Harrison; west on Harrison to State; south on State to Cermak; east on Cermak to Indiana; disband on Indiana south of Cermak as needed.

Pursuant to Section 10-8-330(o)(2) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, "Where the parade permit was limited to the sidewalk or one lane of traffic based on the estimated number of parade participants and parade units, and in the event that the number of participants in attendance exceeds anticipated levels, members of the police department are authorized to make reasonable accommodation to increase the portion of the public way made available in order to preserve public health and safety. Alternatively, where the number or size of parade participants or parade units participating are substantially less than expected, members of the police department are authorized to limit the available portion of the public way, where one lane of traffic or the sidewalk is capable of accommodating the number of participants and parade units present."

This alternate permit only authorizes the use of the public way. To the extent your proposed event may desire to utilize the property of the Chicago Park District, another governmental entity or a private owner, authorization of such locations must be sought directly from the affected entity.

If you wish to accept this alternate parade permit subject to the above indicated specifications, Section 10-8-330(k) of the Municipal Code requires that you file a written notice of acceptance with the Commissioner of the City of Chicago Department of Transportation, Public Way Permit Division, 121 N. La Salle Street, Room 905, Chicago, Illinois 60602, fax number 312-744-4627, within five business days after notice of this proposed alternate parade permit. Failure to provide such notice within the time provided will result in the authorization for the alternate parade permit being rescinded.

If you believe your application is being wrongfully denied, you may appeal this decision by filing an appeal with the Department of Administrative Hearings. Your appeal should be filed with the Director of the Department of Administrative Hearings, 740 N. Sedgwick Street, 6th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60654. If no appeal is filed with the Department of Administrative Hearings within five business days of notice of this decision, this decision shall be deemed final.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact Michael Simon at 312-744-4652.

Yours Truly,

Mike Simon
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